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KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1848.

The Senate was opened by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Norton, of the Episcopal Church.

Journal of yesterday was read by the Secretary.

The SPEAKER laid before the Senate, the Annual Report of the President of the Board of Internal Improvement. The reading was dispensed with; the usual number of copies ordered to be printed, and the report referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen, as composing the committee of Apportionment:

Messrs. Gray, James, Walker, Hardin, Thurman, Hobbs, Todd, Speed Smith, Young and Hawkins.

Mr. GRAY asked to be excused from acting as Chairman of said committee, as being a young member of the Senate, there were other members better qualified to discharge its duties than himself, whereupon the Speaker appointed Mr. Robert S. Todd, as Chairman of said committee.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Walker, Evans and Bramlette, and appropriately referred.

Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. HARDIN, from the Judiciary committee, reported the bill, entitled an act for the benefit of the Officers and Soldiers in the war with Mexico. The second and third readings of the bill were dispensed with, and it was then passed.

Also—the petition of Elizabeth Voris, with the opinion that it should be rejected.

Mr. ENGLISH thought the prayer of the petition should be granted. It asked the passage of a law authorizing her to sell a tract of land, containing only thirteen acres, left by her husband at his death. He was aware that there existed a law providing for such cases, but the land here involved, is of but little value, and by the usual procedure in such cases, the whole amount would be expended in costs of suit. The petitioner is offered a fair price for the land, and if permitted to sell, is willing to become responsible to her children for the amount she receives. The principle upon which the petition was rejected he acknowledged correct, but his hope for its being granted was the small amount involved.

The petitioner is poor and has several children, and he feels that to benefit and assist her, in this case, he would be justifiable in departing from the usual course, and hopes the prayer of the petition will be granted.

The report of the committee was concurred in, and the petition rejected.

Also—an act to amend an act, approved January, 1813, entitled, an act authorizing the Auditor to correct certain mistakes.

The nature of the bill being explained by Mr. Hardin, which is, simply authorizing the Auditor to refund any money which may have been paid for land improperly forfeited for taxes, the further readings was dispensed with and the bill passed.

Also—a bill for the benefit of John U. Watson and Pemberton Cave; readings dispensed with, and the bill passed.

Also—a bill granting a change of venue to Benj. All, indicted in the Jefferson Circuit Court for passing counterfeit money; second and third readings being dispensed with, the bill was passed.

Mr. WALKER from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill authorizing Rice Maxey to import certain slaves into this State; second and third readings being dispensed with,

Mr. BOYD demanded the yeas and nays on its passage.

Mr. WALKER stated the object of the bill to be the restoring of the family to the husband and father.

Mr. Maxey, owning the husband, had purchased the wife and children for the purpose of having the family together and as the committee was unanimous in reporting the bill, he hoped it would pass. Yeas, 26—Nays 9; so the bill was passed.

A message from the House by the Secretary, announcing the passage of certain bills and resolutions and asking the concurrence of the Senate to the same.

Mr. WALKER from the committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported a bill authorizing L. D. Berry of Hickman county, to import certain slaves into this State; readings dispensed with, and passed.

Mr. BOYD from the committee on Religion, reported the petition of Thos. Deacon, praying a divorce, with the opinion that it should be rejected; concurred in.

Mr. WALL from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the benefit of the Officers and Soldiers in the War with Mexico.

Mr. WALL said that the bill proposed to exempt those individuals from military duty, for the future, unless in case of insurrection or rebellion. It was usual to manifest feelings of gratitude to the soldier, but this bill not only accomplished that, but it also conferred benefit upon them. The military service required by law was onerous and burthensome, and those whom the bill proposed to relieve from it, had performed arduous camp duty in the war—their drill was perfected on the bloody plain of Buena Vista and other battle fields, and if the military system was to be kept up, which he thought doubtful, it should be done by those citizens who remained at home whilst the brave volunteers were fighting on the plains of Mexico. He could see no use in keeping them subject to the Militia Law of our State—nothing would be added to their military discipline and knowledge, and he hoped the bill under consideration would be adopted.

Mr. W. having concluded, the further readings of the bill were dispensed with, and then unanimously passed.

Mr. BOYD submitted the following joint resolution, and the rule requiring it to lie on the table one day, having been suspended, it was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the Second Auditor be directed to instruct the Commissioners of tax for this Commonwealth, for the future, along with their reports to return separate and perfect lists of the blind, and of the deaf and dumb in their respective districts.

Mr. ENGLISH asked to withdraw the petition of Elizabeth Voris; granted.

Leave was granted to introduce the following bills:

To Mr. HAWKINS, a bill for the benefit of Pres. Stewart, of Kenton county; referred.

To Mr. ENGLISH, a bill to amend an act, entitled, "an act to protect the rights of married women," approved Feb. 23d, 1846; referred.

To Mr. THOMAS, a bill to amend the road laws of Campbell county; referred.

Orders of the Day.

A bill from the House, changing the name of Francis Trimble, of Crittenden county, to that of

Francis Ford; also, the name of Jerdenia Hawkins, to that of Jerdenia Dodge; also, the name of Wm. C. Denning, to that of Charles Galaway; also, the name of Sarah Jane David, of Union county, to that of Sarah Jane Mason; also, the name of Kitty Jane Seagraves, of Allen county, to that of Kitty Jane Read, was read the first time; the further readings being dispensed with, the bill was then passed.

H. R. bill for the benefit of the clerks of the Union County and Circuit Courts; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

H. R. bill changing the time of holding the April term of the Union County Court; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

H. R. bill changing the names of Elijah Hise Marrs, Chas. Warren Marrs and Wm. O. Butler Marrs, to those of Elijah Hise Greathouse, Chas. Warren Greathouse and Wm. O. Butler Greathouse; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. bill incorporating the town of West Point, in Hardin county; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

H. R. bill for the benefit of Edward B. Gibson of Simpson county; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

H. R. bill establishing two election precincts in Knox county; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

H. R. bill to legalize the proceedings of the November term of the Pulaski County Court; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

H. R. bill to allow an additional Justice of the Peace to Graves county and an additional constable to Logan county; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

H. R. bill, for the benefit of "Southern College," at Bowlinggreen; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

H. R. bill to change the names of Joel R. Alcock and family of Warren county; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1848.

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. ROBINSON.

Journal read by the Clerk.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Pratt, Johnston, T. D. Brown, D. P. White, Barlow, Blanton, Bowling, Judd, Cavan and Chilton, which were referred to appropriate committees.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS—a bill to establish the county of Taylor; read twice, when

Mr. D. P. WHITE said he did not design to do the House long on this matter; but he felt it to be his duty to make a full statement of the facts concerning it, as he deemed it a matter of importance. He accordingly submitted to the House all the statistics in regard to the population, area, taxable property, &c., and the great inconvenience to which a portion of the people to be included in the new county, had formerly been subjected. He concluded by expressing his determination to vote for the bill, and his desire that it might now be passed.

Mr. HUGHES said he did not wish to be understood as opposing the bill, but he desired time to examine more minutely the statistics, and to acquaint himself with the merits of it. He therefore moved that the bill be committed to the committee of the Whole, and that it be made the special order for Monday next; lost.

Mr. TOWLES said he had no disposition to oppose the bill; but it was a matter that he had not examined and was yet wholly unacquainted with its merits. He hoped it might be deferred a short time for the purpose of giving the members time to examine it. He should vote for the bill, if it was the wish of the people immediately concerned in the matter, that it should pass, for they were the best judges of their own wants; but he was not disposed to vote for a matter that would create new expenses for the people, unless he could have proper time to acquaint himself with its merits. He hoped the matter would be postponed.

Resolved, That we have observed with great admiration the dignified course pursued by the Hon. ARCHIBALD DIXON of Henderson (whose name stands prominently before the people of Kentucky for Governor.)

Resolved, That the Gubernatorial Candidacy is a position which should not be sought or obtained by any system of improper management whatever, but should be the free will offering of the people.

Resolved, That in Mr. Dixon we recognize a gentleman whose great eloquence, ability, and devotion to correct principle will render him at once available before the people as a candidate and efficient in the executive chair.

Here follow the names of Delegates.

Resolved, That we entirely approve of the proposition to hold a National Convention of the Whig party, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, and that our delegates be authorized to appoint delegates to said Convention and Electors for this State.

Resolved, That although Mr. DIXON is our first choice we will support the nominee of said Convention.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the South Kentuckian, Louisville Journal and Frankfort Commonwealth.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

From the Kentucky Tribune.

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The object of the meeting being stated by the Chairman, on motion of Dr. John P. Wilson, a committee of three, consisting of Winston Bowman, Dr. John P. Wilson and Dr. John M. Rife, was appointed by the Chairman to draft resolutions, expressive of the sense of the meeting. The committee retired for a short time, and upon their return, reported, through the Chairman, the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That George Dry, Jr., Thomas Speed, William Purdum, Jas. Land, Robert Thomas, Isaac Thomas, George C. Rife, Richard Portman, Wm. B. Tucker, Henry Goss, William Woodson, Ben. Jenkins, John Humphrey, Col. Winston Bowman, Dr. S. M. Rigney, Hiram Thomas, Esq., Benjamin Dawson, Dr. John P. Wilson, Alfred Goode, Ambrose Ward, W. Land, and Joel Murphey, be appointed delegates to attend said convention, and that they be instructed to support the Hon. ARCHIBALD DIXON, as a candidate of the Whig party, for President of the United States in 1848, and the Hon. JOSHUA F. BELL, for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Resolved, That this meeting, preferring measures to men, principles to partialities, do now, as we have heretofore done, prefer the Hon. HENRY CLAY, the sage, patriot, statesman and orator, before all others, as the candidate for the Whig party for President of the United States in 1848, and the Hon. MILLARD FILMORE, of New York, distinguished alike for his talents, probity and genuine attachment to Whig Principles, as a candidate for the office of Vice President.

Resolved, That the editors of the Kentucky Tribune, Louisville Journal, Frankfort Commonwealth, and Lexington Observer and Reporter, be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

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